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last two decades have been urging upon the necessity for going into this matter. The bund level of the Bethamangalam tank which was permitted to be raised by 9 feet only, has been actually raised to 18 feet. They also say that the Ramasagar tank which was dilapidated has been strengthened and reconstructed. In spite of the fact that the Mysore Government agreed to utilise the waters of Palar only for domestic and industrial purposes at Kolar Gold Fields, they are actually utilising is for agricultural purposes also. These are admitted grievances of our side and representations have also been made. If Mysore is also a Part A State, the matter can be taken before the Supreme Court on the original side as a dispute between two 'A' States. Because Mysore happens to be a Part B State, it cannot be done and we therefore request the Government of India to constitute a Council under Article 263. Will the Government impress upon the Central Government the immediate necessity of constituting a Council under Article 263 before the next season commences?"

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"Yes, Sir, that is what I said. I have already stated that we are proposing to ask the Government of India to constitute a Council under Article 263 and having said that naturally we will take expeditious action."

Madras Police Officers for Pondicherry

* 1761 *Q.*—SRI S. DASARATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 9-30 a.m.

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the services of some of the Police Officers of this State have been lent to the Pondicherry State on its merging with the Indian Union;

(*b*) if so, on what basis the selection were made;

(*c*) the total number of officers of different grades lent; and

(*d*) how many of them belong to Scheduled Castes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) The selection was made on the basis of the suitability of the persons concerned.

"(*c*) Sixteen.

"(*d*) None."

Village Officers' Conference, Malabar

*1762 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the Malabar District Village Officers' Association, about their service conditions, and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) & (b) Yes, a copy of the resolutions passed by the Malabar District Village Officers' Conference held at Parappanangadi on 30th December 1954 has been received by the Government. The remarks of the Collector on the resolution are awaited."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" This is not a new demand put forward recently. Representations have been made in this regard during the past two or three years. Will the Government expedite the matter so that some relief can be given at an early date? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir, we shall try as far as possible to expedite."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Roads from villages to main roads

101 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) how many roads were constructed from villages to main roads in the year 1953–54; and

(b) how many roads are proposed to be constructed in the current year district-war out of the income derived from the respective District Boards ?

A.—(a) Eighty-one roads were constructed from villages to main roads in the year 1953–54. Of these, 11 roads were constructed exclusively out of the funds of the District Boards and 70 roads were constructed under grants-in-aid, Local Development Schemes, etc.

(b) The roads proposed to be constructed in the current year out of the income derived from the respective District Boards are :—

1	South Arcot District Board ...	18
2	Tanjore District Board ...	2
3	Madurai District Board	4
4	Other District Boards	Nil.
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Issue of gun licences

102 *Q.*—DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications for gun licences were received by the Government for the period 15th August 1947 to 30th June 1954;

(b) how many of these are from women;

(c) how many licences were issued; and

(d) whether any were refused to women?